

NEW MEDICARE NPI ONLY EDITS

Attention: Directly Operated Medicare Certified Providers Only

REVISED

STOP - Impact to You

Effective March 1, 2008, NHIC, Corp., the Medicare carrier for California, will begin rejecting all claims submitted without a valid National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the fields of the primary billing provider (Organizational – Type 2) and rendering provider (Individual – Type 1).

CAUTION - What You Need to Know

Commencing Thursday, February 28, 2008, the Integrated System (IS) will begin to validate all Medicare claims to ensure a "valid" NPI exists for both the billing and rendering provider.



If an "invalid" NPI exists in the IS for either or both the billing and rendering provider, you will receive the following error messages:

"Claim is billable to Medicare but Billing Provider NPI is not 10 digits"
"Claim is billable to Medicare but Rendering Provider NPI is not 10 digits"

If the NPI is missing in the IS for either or both the billing and rendering provider, you will receive the following error messages:

"Claim is billable to Medicare but Billing Provider NPI does not exist"
"Claim is billable to Medicare but Rendering Provider NPI does not exist"

GO - What You Need to Do

If you receive any of the above error messages, please check with your program staff to confirm whether the Billing and Rendering Provider NPI's have been provided to Chief Information Office Bureau (CIOB) to enter into the IS.

If the Billing Provider (Organizational -Type 2) NPI does not exist in the IS, providers will need to contact Judith Miller, Compliance Officer, at (213) 639-6391 to communicate to CIOB and go through the NPI process to add to the IS.

If the Rendering Provider (Individual – Type 1) NPI does not exist in the IS, providers will need to submit a complete Rendering Provider (RP) form to CIOB-System Access Unit at 695 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005. The RP form and instructions are available to download at: http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/do_ISForms.htm.

For any questions regarding the Medicare NPI Billing regulations, please contact Revenue Management Division (RMD) at (213) 639-6326 or via email at DMHMedicare@dmh.lacounty.gov or RevenueManagement@dmh.lacounty.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the new Medicare NPI edits, please contact the Help Desk at (213) 351-1335.